



THE MARK

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**ABYC ACTIVITIES
THIS MONTH**

Christmas Party - Dec. 12
This is an occasion of fun and food!
(see page 2 for details)

New Year's Eve - Dec. 31
A fun time for all! Come and ring out the 2009 and bring in 2010. Good food and appropriate beverages.
(see page 5 for details)

Note for both occasions - GOOD FOOD!!

Annual Awards Presented
Recipients of the three annual awards/recognition were:
Silent Sailor - Ray Keaton
Homer Denius - Dragonfly
Winterle - Frank Hankins
(see page 5 for details)

Commodore's Comments

Carl Bjerregaard

The Board discussed the comments of those who responded to my questions about the electronic MARK in last month's issue. The Board's conclusion was that because the cost of mailing the newsletter, in the past, equaled two yearly full memberships and because of the Internet reminders of activities, it would remain as is. The Board recommended that we each print individual copies, if we find that to be more useful. I keep a printed copy filed in my copy of the Handbook/Directory so I always know where it is.

The holiday season is fast approaching and I look forward to ABYC's many upcoming activities: the day after Thanksgiving with its dinghy races at our house and leftover turkey and goodies at the clubhouse, the Christmas party featuring Lee Chubb and starring her charity drive. In this economy, there are so many in need, so please be even more generous this year. Then we'll have a great New Year's Party and the following day, the Frostbite Regatta. That, too, will start in the canal in front of the Bj's house and the more

spectators, the more fun.

To balance all the fun of the holiday season, let's all burn a few of those extra holiday calories by helping out at the mid January workday.

This will be my last column as commodore, and I certainly cannot close out my term without thanking all the folks who have worked so hard to make the club better in so many ways and belonging to ABYC such an enriching experience.

Tnx,

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2010

Lorna Tweedie, Commodore
Ivor Groves, Vice Commodore
Bob Sherrod, Rear Commodore
Henry Depew, Scribe
Maxie Glenn, Purser
Gene Nicoloso, Sr. Board Member
Darlene Oosterhof, Jr. Board Member
Carl Bjerregaard, Past Commodore

MEETING NOTICE
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Saturday, Dec. 5 2009
Clubhouse
1800 - Social
1900 - Covered Dish Dinner
1945 - Business Meeting

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Vice Commodore's Corner

Frank Hankins

As 2009 winds down, so does the racing season (only the Gobbler regatta to go) and the responsibilities of the outgoing Board, at least those of us who are giving way to new officers. It has been an honor for me to have worked with all who have served with me over the last few years and to have made the many friends who make this Club a fun organization.

One of my jobs as Vice Commodore has been to promote and oversee the programs related to boating: Youth sailing camp, Adult sailing weekend courses, PHRF and Dinghy racing (thanks Beth), club boat maintenance, kayak excursions, and motorboat trips. Lots of members have contributed to make this job easy and rewarding. Fortunately, incoming VC Ivor Groves brings lots of expertise to the task (I was deck monkey

for Capt. Groves on several great charter trips, so I know!) and has some momentum from a pretty good year of member participation in sailing programs.

The PHRF fall series ended with an exciting race; in light winds, which the growing Harmony fleet loves, we had close to a photo-finish. After more than two hours of numerous lead changes Wiki Wiki (Reeder/Carrigan) squeaked by Adios (Hamilton) with less than ½ a boat length, with Harmony (Bjerregard) only several boat lengths behind, and almost overtaking all on corrected time (missed by a hair) was Seahorse (McClendon). In the final fall series standings Reeder/Carrigan won easily, with the Hamiltons 2nd, and Bjerregards breaking a tie with McLendons by edging them out in the last race.

The dinghy series has had even more of the tight competition, with the overall Kate Morgan series up

for grabs to the very end. It's been a good year for regattas, too, with encouraging participation levels. The PHRF fleet has been reenergized by more Harmony 22's and the number of new members bringing in new boats to Shell Pt. We may even have a winter series, which I haven't seen before, but strongly support. I'm excited by the prospects for more Club boating activities next year, and hope to see more and more members participating. We have a great Club, a competent Board, and an ambitious agenda. Have a great holiday season and sail hard.



Annual Christmas Party

The event will be held at the clubhouse:

Dec. 12

Social Hour 6-7 PM

Dinner at 7 PM

Reservations a must by Dec 9.

Call 229-221-4561 or e-mail to lalachubb@hotmail.com.

Entertainment to follow.

We are once again asking for a contribution to the clients of Refuge House of Wakulla County. Please bring or send me a WinnDixie, Publix or WalMart gift card or a check and I will purchase. The families that we help really appreciate our assistance.

There is no gift exchange again this year.

Thanks.

Lee Chubb

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Jr. Board Member Report - Social Information

Lorna Tweedie

Our ABYC social functions are fast approaching the end of 2009 as we sail into December.

November 2009, brought us a great Awards Banquet with the delicious dinner, (thank you, Joeann), as well as awards presented to deserving recipients. It was a fun and enjoyable evening. November ends with fun events, the Gobbler Regatta on Friday, the 27th, the day after Thanksgiving, with the Puffins, etc., skippers manipulating their rigging the best they can. Folks gathered at the Club later that day and gobbled up the Thanksgiving leftovers provided by all.

We now look forward to ABYC's Christmas party coming

up on December 12th. Lee Chubb is again planning this event. Watch for information in this MARK and possible e-mails from some of Santa's helpers regarding the party.

There will not be a December CIA. We will, however, have a New Year's party on December 31st to celebrate the New Year at the Club. See more details in this MARK.

And, speaking of the new year, I will be supporting ABYC in a new role in 2010, as all of you know. Darlene Oosterhof will be the 2010 Jr. Board member in charge of ABYC social functions. Please help and support her throughout the year! Thank you so much to all who helped me in 2009. I have appreciated it so very much.

ABYC BOARD MEETING Summary Minutes

Please be aware that the minutes upon which this summary is based have not been approved by the Board. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy, but errors may inadvertently be present.

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Carl Bjerregaard at his residence at 1544 on Saturday, November 7. Present were:

Carl Bjerregaard Lorna Tweedie
Frank Hankins Henry Depew
Maxie Glenn Ed Fries

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed in THE MARK.

It was noted that a minimum of 18 voting members was needed for a quorum and 36 voting members to meet the 2/3rds requirement to vote on the proposed Constitution amendments. After some discussion, it was decided by the Board to go with two agendas for the Annual Meeting. If we had the quorum and the 36 members, the proposed amendments would be taken up as the first item of business. If we did not have either the quorum or the 36 members, the "standard" format for an annual meeting would be followed.

At this point, Moses Turner arrived at the meeting to address the Board on some of his concerns regarding the proposed change in numbers needed for a quorum and the removal of the terms of office for the officers. He had met with some other people earlier in the week and wished to convey their concerns.

Scribe – C. Henry Depew

After Moses had left, there was a discussion of the on-line MARK and some concerns expressed by a member on the current process. Carl will raise the question at the Annual Meeting. It was also sug-

gested that the next issue of THE MARK carry the information on the postage and printing cost to send hard-copy to the membership.

V-C – Frank Hankins

Frank noted that the VC Regatta was a success both on the water and at the social. He also noted that the event made a little money for ABYC. Frank was authorized to purchase suitable trophies for the PHRF and the Windrider series.

Rear Commodore – Ed Fries

Ed noted that one finger pier needs some more work and there is still the need to fix the finger pier/dock connection where the ramp comes to the dock. There was some discussion about hiring a contractor to do the job. Carl and Ed will look into some options.

Purser – Maxie Glenn

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the financial statement as printed and distributed.

Maxie noted that the Club's taxes had risen 25% in 2009. She would like to find a person to track what is going on with the property appraisals at Shell Point so that the Club could appeal next year's assessment if it rises again.

The number of Associate Memberships has reached the 20% cap. We cannot accept any more Associate Memberships until we get some more Regular Memberships.

Jr. Board – Lorna Tweedie

We have the Awards Banquet, the Thanksgiving "left-overs", and the Christmas Party for Club socials.

Old Business:

The Board discussed to whom to award the Silent Sailor Trophy. A decision was reached and Carl will take care of the engraving.

There have been few votes received for the Winterle Trophy. It was suggest an appeal be made at

the Annual Meeting for those who had not voted to do so.

The security system is still being worked on.

New Business:

Becoming a member of the Yachting Club of America was discussed as this membership would give our members reciprocity with other yacht clubs in Central and South Florida (St. Pete Yacht Club is the only GYA member in the Tampa Bay area). The annual dues of \$400/year was considered excessive. No action was taken.

An offer has been made to help fund wrapping the porch around the west side of the clubhouse and up-grade the bathrooms. Carl is to look into this and report back to the Board at the December meeting.

Other:

The joint Board meeting will be on Jan. 9, 2010.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1726.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Henry Depew, Scribe

Purser's Report

Maxine Glenn

A copy of the monthly financial statement is in the notebook in the Clubhouse.

If you have any questions concerning your monthly bill, please contact me at:

mbg1215@netzero.net

Rear Commodore's Corner

Ed Fries

If something needs to be done, let me know.

Minutes of the December Annual Business Meeting

After the announcement that the quorum minimum had been met, the meeting was called to order by Commodore Carl Bjerregaard at 2014 on Saturday, November 7, at the clubhouse. Since the 2/3rds requirement (36 voting memberships) was not met, the consideration of the proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws was postponed.

The reading of the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were waived and the minutes were approved as printed.

Moses Turner and Kingsley Ross were granted time to present their concerns with some of the proposed changes to the Constitution and the By-Laws. After their comments, and some discussion, the meeting moved on to the reports of the officers.

Jr. Board Member –

Lorna Tweedie reported on the socials and reminded those present of the Awards Banquet next Saturday, the Thanksgiving left-over event, and the Christmas Party.

Purser –

Maxie Glenn reported that ABYC was breaking even at the moment and should end the year in the black. She can now send bills and statements by e-mail and requested those present who wished to use this method to contact her. She noted that the Wakulla County tax bill for 2009 was 25% above 2008 and requested anyone interested to contact her about following the tax situation in the county (especially the Shell Point area).

Scribe –

Henry Depew noted that *THE MARK* was being sent each month as well as being posted on the web site. The electronic distribution is saving the club money in terms of

printing and postage (the 2008 cost was about \$1,200). He requested more input (articles, comments, etc.) from the membership and any committee chair persons.

Rear Commodore –

Ed Fries reported on the dock repairs and what still needs to be done. It was also noted that the ice machine had been repaired twice and was now working.

Vice Commodore –

Frank Hankins reported that the Adult Sailing classes had been successful and that another one could be held if a member would take responsibility for that endeavor. The Puffin/Dinghy and PHRF series were almost complete (one more PHRF race). The Dracombe will be launched and be available for use. If it is not used much this winter, he recommended that it be sold.

Commodore –

Carl Bjerregaard gave a short report, read the requirements for the Winterle Award, and asked those present who had not voted for the Winterle Award to please do so on pieces of paper that were distributed as requested.

New Business:

Lynn Goves reported for the Nominations Committee and there being no additional names proposed for any of the offices introduced the new officers. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the slate as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2030 with a discussion of various aspects of the proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws following.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Henry Depew, Scribe

THE MARK Mail-out Option

C. Henry Depew, Editor

When the membership approved the change from hard-copy to electronic distribution of *The Mark*, the average annual price was estimated at \$1,050/year (postage, labels, and printing).

At present, ABYC has 75 memberships (55 regular, 11 associates, 6 non-resident, and 3 honorary) If we print 100 copies and send only to the membership, the estimated cost would be about \$45/month or \$530/year. The actual cost would depend on mailing label reproduction, seals for the folded newsletter, etc. But, at least we can give you the minimum price to revert to hard-copy distribution.

\$21 + tax for printing
\$33 for postage (75*.44)
\$54 per month
\$648 for year

For ABYC, it is less expensive if you print your own copy upon receipt. However, this is a membership decision as money from the dues pays the cost.

BOAT US Membership

ABYC is a current member of Boat US and as such, ABYC members receive a 50% discount on membership in BoatUS. Our group ID number is GA81150Y. This number should be given to customer service when you apply for membership. (Membership applications are available on the bookshelf in the clubhouse.) As a member of ABYC, you will get a discount on BoatUS membership cost.

Amendments

C. Henry Depew, Parliamentarian

Constitution

Since the required 2/3rds number of voting memberships were not present at the Annual Meeting and the number of electronic votes did not make up the difference, no action was taken on the proposed amendments to the Constitution. Any changes will have to wait until the next Annual Meeting in November 2010.

By-Law Amendments

Because a number of the proposed amendments to the By-Laws were tied to changes in the Constitution, any action on the By-Laws was postponed while the committee reviewed the By-Laws amendments to make sure they could be addressed by the membership as soon as practical without any conflict with non-changes in the Constitution.

Once the language has been reviewed and the committee is satisfied that there are no conflicts with the Constitution, a copy of the proposed amendments will be posted on the ABYC web site and a copy included with the subsequent issue of *THE MARK*.

Every voting membership will receive another electronic ballot that can be cast if they will be unable to attend the scheduled monthly membership meeting once the By-Laws amendments draft is finalized.



AWARDS BANQUET REPORT

Thirty-eight (38) members and guests gathered at the ABYC Clubhouse for the event. Tasty Hors d'oeuvres, prepared by Lorna Tweedie, were enjoyed by all. With the help of Dana Taff and Nell Johnson in the kitchen, Joeann Vesecky prepared and presented another of her excellent meals.

Since Joeann was in the kitchen, Gordon Renovitch (with Pat's help) tended the bar.

Following the fine meal, a number of awards were presented to the top finishers in the Dinghy fleet and the PHRF fleet.

After thanking all those who helped during the racing year, Beth Hamilton made the presentations for the Dinghy/Puffin Fleet. After the winner of each race was recognized, the top three in the Dinghy/Puffin fleet for 2009 were announced:

John Hamilton	1
Jim McGill	2
Marcia Bjerregaard	3

(for details, see Beth's article on pages 6 & 7)

The PHRF fleet had a Spring and Fall series. Frank Hankins made the presentations for both

series. The top standings for each series were:

Spring Standings

Don Reeder	1
Carl Bjerregaard	2
John Hamilton	3

Fall Standings

Don Reeder	1
John Hamilton	2
Carl Bjerregaard	3

Following the fleet standing recognitions and awards, Commodore Carl Bjerregaard announced the recipients of the three annual awards/trophies.

Winterle Trophy - Frank Hankins
 Silent Sailor - Ray Keaton
 Homer Denius - Dragonfly
 (Sue Ross)

MARK Advertising

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or mailed to

C. Henry Depew

3312 West Lake Shore Drive

Tallahassee, FL 32312

New Year's Eve Party

Welcome 2010 at ABYC. This year we're going to make it very easy to attend: no reservations and your only entrance charge will be to bring an appetizer. If you bring friends, and they are welcome, bring a little more finger food.

The bar will be open, and if you bring non-members, their tab will be on your bill and you can work that out with your guests if you wish. The club will donate a midnight champagne toast for each attendee.

Maxie Glenn is bringing her

Sirius radio for dancing and John Hamilton is bringing his cannon for a salute to the new year, which will also usher out the old board and welcome Lorna Tweedie and her board.

The festivities start at 2100 (9 PM)



Dinghy Report

Beth Hamilton

Saturday, October 24th found nine ABYC sailors racing in the basin with a challenging race day with extremely fluky winds. It was also the first time the infamous submerged piling was found, and it was found by not one but three racers. Sorry, no bonus points will be awarded!

Puffin Fleet Results:

Al Fletcher
Ivor Groves
Marcia Bjerrgaard
Jim McGill
John Hamilton
Kat McLendon
Carl Bjerrgaard
Lynn Groves
Steve LaRosa

Saturday, November 7th found eight sailors racing in the basin for the final race of the first annual Kate Morgan Memorial Puffin Series. As with previous race days, it was a challenging day with extremely fluky winds. The race marks were moved after every race trying to keep up with the changes in wind direction. The wind barely held up through the final race; everyone was glad there were three boats with motors to tow everyone home!

Puffin Fleet Results:

Sue Ross
Al Fletcher
John Hamilton
Marcia Bjerrgaard
Ivor Groves
Jim McGill
Kat McLendon
Lynn Groves

Notes And Hints From Near And Far

C. Henry Depew

Those who sail in Apalachee Bay when the tide is running know the affect that current has on their boat. For an excellent discussion of currents and sailboats, find a copy of the Sept/Oct 09 issue of *Speed&Smarts* and start reading.

Of possible interest is a product being given notice in boating magazines called "rescue tape". It is supposed to do those things that duct tape does not do well. For more information, take a look at:
rescuetape.com

It is reported that the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission wants to work with city and county governments on the best way to regulate boats that anchor outside of permitted mooring fields. Currently, local ordinances for anchoring are unenforceable outside of mooring field boundaries. For more information go to:

<http://www.tradeonlytoday.com/home/499829-florida-officials-working-on-mooring-pilot-program>

(I know the above is long, but that is the URL for the information.)

How long is your mainsheet? You know that your spinnaker sheets (if you have a spinnaker) should be twice the length of the boat plus a few feet) but have you thought about the mainsheet? The Catboat Association's e-mail list had a thread on this subject. One of the contributions was that the mainsheet should be 5 to 10 feet longer than needed. The idea is that from time to time you shorten the fixed end and thus move the wear points on the line and extend the life of the mainsheet. Of course, few of those sailing in ABYC have mainsheet that are 60 to 100 feet long when removed

from the block system.

Many years ago, when I sailed my landlord's D&M 22 I was impressed with the halyard system. The working part of the halyard was wire while the "loose" end was nylon line. At the end of the wire was a loop that connected to the 5-to-1 block system for each halyard secured to the deck by the mast step that tightened the line. There was a winch for the spinnaker line, but the main and jib halyards were wire with the rope tails. The system worked quite well and was quite inexpensive.



Time

Most ABYC events have a traditional time frame -
PHRF - Skippers' Meeting -
1030 (10:30 AM)
Puffin/Dinghy -
1300 (1:00 PM)
Board Meeting -
1530-1730 (3:30-5:30 PM)
Membership Meeting -
1800 (6:00 PM) Cocktails
1900 (7:00 PM) Meal
1945 (7:45 PM) Meeting
2000 (8:00 PM) Program
General Socials -
1800 (6:00 PM) Happy Hour
1900 (7:00 PM) Meal
CIA
1800-1930 (6:00-7:30 PM)

First Annual Kate C. Morgan Memorial Puffin Series - 2009

Beth Hamilton, Puffin Fleet Race Chairman, 2009

This series was established to honor Kate Morgan and her extraordinary contribution to our Club and the sailing community. Kate was well-respected for her professional career at the state and national level. However, it is for her desire to live every moment to the fullest, find and share the joy in life – and sailing was a large part of this, including encouraging new sailors and competing to the utmost in every race - that this new award has been established.

Her husband, Steve Augustine, has donated a perpetual trophy to the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club to be presented annually to the winner of the Puffin Series. He was very sorry not to be here tonight, but with the change in dates and a prior commitment out of town, that was not possible.

The race series was scheduled for 9 races during the year.

Two had to be cancelled, but seven race days were successfully completed, with five held in the basin and two held off the beach.

Each race day we held three races, for a total of 21 races for the season.

During the season, we had 17 different skippers participate in the Puffin Series

We started the year with high winds and ended the last race last week with the racers being thankful for three powerboats to tow everyone home as the wind had dropped to zero.

I want to thank all the people who played such important roles in putting on this series – it has truly been a group effort. And there are a few that deserve a special thanks from everyone because of their significant support and hard work:

John Hamilton, my husband, for his moral support and technical advice.

Jim McGill, for providing the committee boat on race days.

Ivor and Lynn Groves for taking out the race marks.

Chris McLendon for serving as rescue boat and race mark mover during the races.

And to two ladies who worked all year with me as the on-the-water race committee: Lorna Tweedie and Jane Fletcher.

In the spirit of encouraging dinghy racing, we invited all sailboats under 14 feet to participate each race day. During the year there were six different skippers in the non-Puffin series, with the majority of those being in the club's Holders. So at this time I would like to announce the winner of the non-Puffin series, **Ted Gilbert**. We will make sure he gets his award soon. And for those of you without sailing dinghies, I encourage you to take advantage of the club boats and come join us next year.

I would like to acknowledge the Puffin fleet winner of each of the seven race days.

January – David Lasky, an FSU student

April – Ivor Groves

July – John Hamilton

August – John Hamilton

September – Kat McLendon

October – Al Fletcher

November – Sue Ross

And now, the overall winners:
First place, and winner of the perpetual trophy for 2009 – John Hamilton

Second place, Jim McGill

Third place, Marcia Bjerregaard

Congratulations to each of you and see you on the water!

GYA Reciprocal Agreement

All ABYC members are welcome at the docks and/or landside facilities of Gulf Yachting Association clubs. A list can be found at www.gya.org. We can pay cash for food and services at all of them and some have already extended reciprocal charging privileges: Fairhope Yacht Club (Fairhope, Alabama)
Fort Walton Yacht Club
Gulfport Yacht Club
Houston Yacht Club
Mobile Yacht Club
Pontchartrain Yacht Club (Mandeville, Louisiana)
Singing River Yacht Club (Pascagoula, Mississippi)
Pass Christian Yacht Club (Pass Christian, Mississippi)
Southern Yacht Club (New Orleans).

You will need your membership card and account number to have your expenses billed through ABYC. Or, simply pay the bill then.

Boating Emergency Numbers

CG PC 850/234-4228

CG Yankeetown 352/447-6900

CGA St. Marks 850/906-0540

or 893-5137

CGA Shell Pt 850/926-2606



Remember -

ABYC's mailing address is:
P.O. BOX 1830
Crawfordville, FL 32326

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2009-10

December

- Sat. 05 Board Meeting - 1530-1730
Monthly Meeting - 1800- Clubhouse
Wed. 09 Christmas Party Reservations Due
Sat. 12 Christmas Party - 1800-
Thur. 31 New Year's Eve Party

January - 2010

- Sat. 02 Will Glenn Memorial Frostbite Regatta
Sat. 09 Joint Board Workshop
Sat. 16 Work Day
Monthly Meeting - 1800 - Clubhouse
Sat. 23 Social
Sat. 30 CIA



ABYC PHONE NUMBER
850/926-7775

NOTE: The above calendar is valid as of the print date. For up-dates/changes consult the Expanded Calendar at ABYC's web site (ABYConline.org).

The MARK December, 2009

Apalachee Bay Yacht Club

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Scribe:	C Henry Depew	386-1665
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